



**Inaugural Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 7, 2010 7:00 p.m.
Norfolk Room**

Members: Trustees:

Dennis Blake, Cliff Casey, Dan Dignard, Bonnie McKinnon, Rick Petrella, June Szeman, Alyna Poremba (Student Trustee)

Senior Administration:

Cathy Horgan (Director of Education & Secretary), Wally Easton (Associate Director, Corporate Services & Treasurer), Bill Chopp, Trish Kings and Chris Roehrig (Superintendents of Education), Tom Grice (Assistant Superintendent of Business)

1. Call to Order

1.1 Opening Prayer

The meeting opened with prayer, lead by Director Horgan.

1.2 Attendance and Welcome

Director Horgan welcomed trustees and senior administrators.

2. Routine Matters

2.1 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved, as distributed.

2.2 Declaration of Interest - Nil

3. Certification of Election Results by the Municipal Clerks

Director Horgan read the official election results, as follows:

For the Corporation of the City of Brantford, Rick Petrella and June Szeman - declared

For the County of Brant, Dan Dignard – acclaimed

For the County of Haldimand, Bonnie McKinnon – acclaimed

For the County of Norfolk, Dennis Blake and Cliff Casey - declared

She congratulated all trustees and thanked them for their commitment to Catholic education.

4. Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance

Trustees read and signed the Declaration and Oath of Allegiance forms.

5. Appointment of Scrutineers

Director Horgan appointed Chris Roehrig and Trish Kings, Superintendents of Education, as Scrutineers for the nomination and election of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board.



6. Nomination and Election of Chair

Director Horgan requested that ballots for the nomination of the Chair of the Board be distributed. Cliff Casey and Bonnie McKinnon were nominated. Cliff Casey agreed to let his name stand. Director Horgan declared trustee Casey acclaimed to the position of Chair of the Board.

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board destroys all ballots in the nomination of Chair of the Board.

Carried

7. Nomination and Election of Vice Chair

Newly elected Chair Casey assumed the Chair and requested that ballots for the nomination of the Vice Chair be distributed. Dennis Blake and June Szeman were nominated as Vice Chair of the Board and agreed to let their names stand. Ballots for the election of Vice Chair were distributed and voting took place by secret ballot. A tie was declared, and trustees Blake and Szeman drew lots as per Section 208(8) of the Education Act. Chair Casey declared Trustee Szeman as Vice Chair.

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board destroys all ballots in the nomination and election of Vice Chair of the Board.

Carried

8. Appointment of Board Auditor

Associate Director Easton recommended that the Board continue to use the services of Millard, Rouse & Rosebrugh, Chartered Accountants, as auditors for the year ending August 31, 2011.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: June Szeman

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the appointment of Millard, Rouse & Rosebrugh, Chartered Accountants, as auditors for the year ending August 31, 2011.

Carried

9. Inaugural Address by the Chair of the Board

Chair Casey thanked trustees for their support and confidence and said that he is looking forward to continuing to serve the students and staff of the Board and to further protect Catholic education. He expressed the Board's appreciation to former Chair, June Szeman, for her skilled leadership and hard work over the past two years as Chair. Chair Casey commented on the recent legislative changes resulting from Bill 177 that will significantly change the role of school board trustees, particularly the increased accountability for student success and student well being. He also noted that the Board has significant work ahead including the current construction and renovation of two schools, the expansion of the full day Early Learning Kindergarten Program, ongoing focus on the Board's Mission, Vision and Strategic Plan, infusion of information technology at the primary level, and the Accommodation Review process.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.